



Instructions: Situation Report

The Situation Report (Sit. Rep.) provides Senior Management with high level information on developing, ongoing or concluded incidents or events of interest.

The Sit. Rep. should be:

- Short: one to two pages, written factually and impartially;
- Concise: use every word as efficiently as possible;
- Clear: keep it simple and to the point and include only what matters to the reader;
- Reliable: provide accurate information; point out missing information or questions about the information; and
- Readable: use plain language and white space, subheadings, lists and other means to make reading easier.

The following describes the sections of a Sit. Rep.:

- **Title:** A few key words that describe the issue succinctly.
- **Purpose:** In one sentence, explain why the Sit. Rep. is being written. Information only; action (decision or final approval required); or briefing for upcoming meeting: specify date, time, location and with whom.
- **Issue:** In one sentence, identify the issues. Clarify misinformation generated by media or others; provide update on emerging issues; provide update on individual or a group posing a threat; and/or explain the impact of legal (or policy) changes for the RCMP.
- **Background:** In 3 or 4 bullets, provide enough background or contextual information to give an understanding of the issue. What is relevance of issue to RCMP; what are the implications; what is history of the issue; and what is being said about the issue and by whom?
- **Current Status:** Advise of the most salient and recent information available. Highlight the current status and/or progress to date in order that action can be determined. Status and evolution of emerging issue to date; status of investigation; and stage or phase new legislation or policy is at.
- **Strategic Considerations** (if applicable): Factors that could affect our ability to respond to the issue.
Indicate sensitive or political elements to be considered; potential impact of the issues on the RCMP, our Minister, and/or the Government of Canada; inter-agency or interdepartmental issues to consider or cooperation, and specify significant obstacles or challenges that may hinder the RCMP's progress or handling of the issue; outline the potential outcome or risks if no action is taken; and indicate political statements (if any) made about this issue.
- **Strategic Communications** (if applicable): State internal and/or external communications considerations.
Indicate national/media/public/political implications and if the DG, Public Affairs has been advised; impact on employees or operations and has a communications strategist been advised; has a communications plan been developed for both internal and external audiences; and attach existing media lines which may have been prepared.
- **Recommendations / Strategic Advice** (if applicable): Identify follow-up actions or advice.
State strategic advice warranted on the issue; outline options; state critical dates and/or events of which Senior Management should be made aware; indicate who else should be notified of this information; and state areas that require further follow-up or research.
- **In Consultation with:** Identify groups or individuals consulted in preparation of this Sit. Rep. Indicate "Nil" if consultation was not required.
- **Prepared by:** Name and rank of writer.
- **Signature - Submitted by Name**
 - NHQ: Director General
 - Div.: Supervisor, Manager, NCO i/c or Director
- **Signature - Recommended by Name**
 - NHQ: Assistant Commissioner
 - Div.: Director, Director General or Deputy Criminal Operations Officer
- **Signature - Approved by Name**
 - NHQ: Deputy Commissioner
 - Div.: Criminal Operations Officer or Commanding Officer
- **Signature - Reviewed by Name**
 - NHQ: Senior Deputy Commissioner
 - Div.: Not Applicable or Commanding Officer



Situation Report

File Number
2022-74888

RE: Situation Report - "O" Division - Freedom Convoy 2022

PURPOSE:

To provide an update on the protest activities in O Division associated with the Freedom Convoy protest in Ottawa (x-ref file 2022-74888).

BACKGROUND:

The Freedom Convoy was created as a means for truckers and others to demonstrate against cross-border Covid vaccine mandates and in support of the Freedom Convoy in Ottawa;

O Division's DEOC is monitoring the events in O Division and actively planning and tracking Divisional resources mobilized for the Freedom Convoy protests.

CURRENT STATUS:

63 members remain in Ottawa from the February 17th, 2022 deployment;

43 members remain in Ottawa from the February 18th, 2022 deployment;

69 members have been deployed to commence shift in Ottawa on February 24th, 2022.

OTHER KNOWN/PLANNED EVENTS:

Sarnia/ Bluewater Bridge: A social media post is advertising a "Rolling Freedom Rally" in Port Huron, MI, on February 26th, at 10:00 hrs. No information indicating a protest on the Canadian side;

Thunder Bay/ Nipigon River Bridge: A potential blockade at the Nipigon River Bridge is scheduled for February 26th, 2022;

Ottawa/Parliament: Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) advises that a protest in support of those arrested in Ottawa is being re-scheduled for a later date in Hawkesbury, ON;

Niagara Region: No activities of concern planned. The convoy returning from Ottawa was greeted by approximately 2000 supporters from the area;

Hamilton: Open source information suggest that a Freedom of Choice Rally is set to occur at Hamilton City Hall at 14:00 hrs.;

Toronto: Social media shows that a "Toronto Freedom March" is scheduled for February 26th, 2022;

Note: On February 21st, 2022, the House of Commons voted in support of the government's invocation of the Emergencies Act. Social media messaging has been identified releasing the names of Members of Parliament (MPs) who voted in support of the government's actions. To date, the following violent acts have been reported by policing partners: OPP reports that a MP for the New Democratic Party (NDP) received at least two threatening phone calls on February 20th, 2022, that could be interpreted as death threats. Peel Regional Police Service (PRPS) reported an arson at the office of Liberal MP, Peter Fonseca, on February 22nd, 2022. PRPS advised that an incendiary device may have been thrown through the window.

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Security Designation
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STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:

Situations are on-going and will be monitored.

Signatures		
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